

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (canceled)**

1           **Claim 2 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in  
2   claim ~~[[1]]~~3, wherein the connection means is constituted  
3   by a rotatable joint.

1           **Claim 3 (previously presented):** A trimmer comprising  
2   a cutting head having a guard housing a cutter means, a  
3   shaft for supporting the cutting head, roller means  
4   rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting head, and  
5   drive means for driving the cutter means, the roller means  
6   being located outside the guard on the drive means side  
7   thereof, the cutting head being connected to the shaft by  
8   connection means permitting the cutting head to be  
9   positioned with its cutter means either substantially  
10   horizontal or substantially vertical, the roller means  
11   being sized to contact the ground when the cutter means is  
12   substantially vertical and to circumscribe an axis of  
13   rotation of the drive means, the arrangement being such  
14   that the cutter means extends beyond the circumference of  
15   the roller means, wherein the connection means is

16 constituted by a rotatable joint, and wherein the rotatable  
17 joint is constituted by a ball-and-socket joint.

1       **Claim 4 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 3,  
2 wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head by a neck  
3 portion, and the socket is defined by a generally spherical  
4 socket portion provided at one end of the shaft.

1       **Claim 5 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 4, wherein the roller means is a wheel.

**Claims 6-18 (canceled)**

1       **Claim 19 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 5, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on the  
3 connection means.

1       **Claim 20 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 19, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on the  
3 neck portion.

1       **Claim 21 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 20, wherein the wheel is formed with a break in  
3 its circumferential region, portions of said region

4 adjacent to the break being formed with complementary,  
5 detachably-engagable connections.

1       **Claim 22 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 21, wherein the wheel has first and second  
3 generally semi-circular wheel members, first ends of which  
4 are pivotally connected together, the second ends of the  
5 wheel members being formed with complementary, detachably-  
6 engagable connectors.

1       **Claim 23 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 21, wherein the inner circumferential region of  
3 the wall and the neck portion are formed with  
4 complementary, interengagable location means.

1       **Claim 24 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 23, wherein the wheel is formed with an inwardly-  
3 projecting flange on its inner circumferential region, the  
4 flange being engagable within a complementary recess formed  
5 in the neck portion.

1       **Claim 25 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2 in claim 4, wherein the drive means comprises a motor and  
3 a drive shaft, the drive shaft passing through the roller  
4 means.

1           **Claim 26 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2     in claim 25, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and the  
3     drive engagement between the motor and the cutter means is  
4     a rotatable drive engagement.

1           **Claim 27 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2     in claim 25, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1           **Claim 28 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2     in claim 27, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1           **Claim 29 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in  
2     claim [[1]]3, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes  
3     the cutter means.

1           **Claim 30 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in  
2     claim [[1]]3, wherein an axis of rotation of the roller  
3     means is substantially coincident with an axis of rotation  
4     of the cutter means.

1           **Claim 31 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed  
2     in claim 30, wherein the radius of the roller means is of  
3     the order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius  
4     of the cutter means.

1           **Claim 32 (currently amended):** A trimmer ~~as claimed in~~  
2 ~~claim 1~~ comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a  
3 cutter means, a shaft for supporting the cutting head,  
4 roller means rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting  
5 head, and drive means for driving the cutter means, the  
6 roller means being located entirely outside the guard on  
7 the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being  
8 connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the  
9 cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either  
10 substantially horizontal or substantially vertical, the  
11 roller means being sized to contact the ground when the  
12 cutter means is substantially vertical and to circumscribe  
13 an axis of rotation of the drive means, the arrangement  
14 being such that the cutter means extends beyond the  
15 circumference of the roller means, wherein the roller means  
16 is located between the drive means and the cutter means.

1           **Claim 33 (currently amended):** A trimmer ~~as claimed in~~  
2 ~~claim 1~~ comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a  
3 cutter means, a shaft for supporting the cutting head,  
4 roller means rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting  
5 head, and drive means for driving the cutter means, the  
6 roller means being located entirely outside the guard on  
7 the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being

8 connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the  
9 cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either  
10 substantially horizontal or substantially vertical, the  
11 roller means being sized to contact the ground when the  
12 cutter means is substantially vertical and to circumscribe  
13 an axis of rotation of the drive means, the arrangement  
14 being such that the cutter means extends beyond the  
15 circumference of the roller means, wherein roller means is  
16 located adjacent to the guard.